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MORE TANGLES IN THE RAINES LAW.

Chief Conlin Cannot Unravel Them, and Gets a Few More "Opinions."

Coney Islanders Gladdened by Decision of Kings County's District Attorney.

LAW IS LIBERAL IN THE HOTELS.

Can Continue to Do Business in What is Practically the Same Old Way. Gleason Instructs His Police Officers.

There were more complications in regard to the Raines Excise law yesterday than at any time since it first began to make trouble. It seemed as though every one who has or is to have a hand in carrying it out was doing his best to get the rulings on the clauses into such a snarl that they cannot be untangled.

Chief Conlin is also busy trying to figure out what to do in the matter of all-night restaurants. Some of these have their bars in such a position that they are visible from the tables reserved for patrons. This the chief thinks is a violation of the law, which forbids the exposure of liquor between the hours of 1 a. m. and 5 a. m., and he is preparing to make the restaurants remove these bars or else close their doors.

The rush of saloon keepers to the offices of the Excise Board was even greater yesterday than on any previous day. Some of the liquor dealers had discovered that if they had their licenses renewed before the old board goes out of existence they can evade the provisions which make it obligatory for an applicant to secure the consent of all property owners within 200 feet of the saloon.

Others wanted to take out hotel licenses. Of these several hundred visited the Excise Board to make applications or become posted as to the requirements of the law.

Three complaints for violations of the law were lodged with the District Attorney yesterday. One of these was against Owen Hogen, Jr., who has a saloon at No. 838 Eleventh avenue. Police Officer Hogen, Jr. Lewis swears that Hogen gave him a bottle of whiskey at 11:30 o'clock Sunday morning. Hogen would not take any money for the liquor. George C. Williams, of No. 554 West Forty-fifth street, was also charged with selling a pint of ale Sunday evening. The complaint was made by Policeman Felix A. Quinn. The other victim was Jacob Schoenhals, of No. 200 East Fortieth street. It was said that his saloon was open at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

GLEASON INSTRUCTS HIS MEN

Mayor Gleason, of Long Island City, who decided to enforce the law, called his police officials before him yesterday and instructed them to carry out the clauses in the law. Mayor Gleason said he would have done this before but that he did not receive a copy of the new law until Tuesday. As a consequence Long Island City will be as dry as New York or Brooklyn in the future.

Excise Commissioner Lyman did not go to Albany Wednesday night, as he expected, but remained in this city and had another consultation with Mr. Platt and the other Republican leaders. He went to Albany yesterday, and said he would at once begin preparing the machinery for enforcing the law. While he was in this city Mr. Lyman was waited upon by a delegation of Brooklyn men, who urged the appointment of ex-Senator Jacob Worth as Deputy Commissioner for Kings County. The delegation was favorably received, and it was intimated that Mr. Worth or one of his friends would get the job. Last night Mr. Worth announced that he did not want the appointment. He suggested that Frank Schultz, Edward E. H. Roehr or Henry E. Abell be named. Comptroller Palmer went to Albany to urge the claims of these men.

In spite of the fact that the Worth faction seems to be ahead, the friends of City Commissioner Willie and Mayor Wurstler have not abandoned hope.

The first benefits of a hotel license over that of a saloon were shown in Brooklyn yesterday, when Thomas Farrell, night clerk at the Commercial Hotel, on Washington street, near Sands, was acquitted of violating the law. Farrell was arrested for selling liquor at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Justice Walsh held that as the sale was in a hotel the law had not been violated.

VINLAND BRINGS \$700,000.

H. McKay Twombly Buys the Newport Residence of the Late Catherine Lorillard Wolfe.

Probably no other transfer of property was made yesterday that excited so much interest as that of Vinland, the handsome Newport residence built by the late Catherine Lorillard Wolfe, which Louis L. Lorillard sold for \$700,000 to H. McKay Twombly.

This price was considered extremely low by real estate experts when they thought it purchased the house alone, but when it was stated that the sale included all of the furniture, bric-a-brac and magnificent paintings in the villa, as well as the extensive gardens and well-stocked greenhouses, expressions of surprise were everywhere heard.

Mrs. Twombly's brother, Cornelius Vanderbilt, is her next door neighbor, his Summer home, The Breakers, adjoining on the right. Henry Clews's house, The Rocks, is not far away, and Oliver H. P. Belmont's villa is quite near.

Miss Wolfe purchased the site of Vinland in 1887 for \$50,000. When she died Louis Lorillard inherited what was then the most elaborate house in Newport. He is a brother of Pierre Lorillard. In 1902 H. A. C. Taylor took a mortgage for \$200,000 on Vinland.

When H. McKay Twombly married Miss Florence Vanderbilt in 1887 he was a well-to-do, energetic business man, but was not wealthy. He was made one of the heads of the New York Central Railroad.

Mr. Twombly verified the purchase of Vinland yesterday at his office, No. 15 Broad street.

Every Store in Town Burned.

Oriskany Falls, April 2.—At 1:10 this morning are broke out in the store of H. W. Stewart in Oriskany Falls and destroyed \$50,000 worth of property. The amount of insurance has not been figured up. There is not a store left in the village. The cause of the fire is unknown.

TOBACCO TRUST'S METHODS QUERIED.

Indictments Against Middledith and Kirby May Lead to Investigation.

Stock Exchange Officials Desire More Light on the Company's Recent Dividends.

DENIALS OF THE ARRESTED MEN.

They Declare the Charge That They Falsely Represented the Status of the National Cigarette Company Is False.

The finding of indictments against James Middledith and John T. Kirby on charges of circulating misleading reports concerning the National Cigarette Company is probably only the first warning puff of wind heralding the tempest which, it is believed, is about to break upon the great Tobacco Trust.

It was openly stated yesterday that the Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange had decided to make a thorough investigation of the unusual action of the directors of the American Tobacco Company in declaring a 2 per cent cash and a 20 per cent scrip dividend on Wednesday last, after passing the usual December dividend, on the plea of not having the necessary funds.

HEARING OF THE RESOLUTIONS.

The actual terms of the resolutions passed by the directors were as follows:

Whereas, This company has invested upward of four million dollars in cash of its surplus earnings in the purchase of new businesses and property, which have proved profitable investments, and

Whereas, The stockholders are entitled to the dividends payable, amounting to \$1,000,000 of December 31, 1935, it is

Resolved, That the Board of Directors deem it for the interests of the stockholders that the company pay in addition to the dividend in cash, above declared, a scrip dividend of 20 per cent upon its common stock to all holders of common stock of record April 15, 1936, such scrip to be redeemable in cash or convertible into common stock of the company at par, at the option of the company, and to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, in November and May, of each year only, out of the net earnings of the company left after the annual payments of 8 per cent dividend upon the preferred stock; and

Resolved, That the treasurer have the proper certificates for such scrip dividend prepared, and that they be signed by the president and vice president and the treasurer, registered with and countersigned by the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company of New York, the transfer agent of the company, and issued as aforesaid.

Such a startling change of front naturally attracted the attention of the Stock Exchange authorities, especially when taken in conjunction with the known fact that the previous day unfounded rumors of the stoppage of the National Cigarette Company had been issued from a source supposed to have inside information.

REACTION EQUALS ACTION.

While the stock of the American Tobacco Company was being boosted by these peculiar methods, the inevitable reaction occurred when it was known that the alleged authors of these rumors had been indicted by the Grand Jury, summarily arrested and held to account for their supposed actions.

James Middledith is connected with the Stock Exchange brokerage firm of C. I. Hudson & Co., at No. 36 Wall street, and John T. Kirby is an exporter at No. 36 Wall street. Late on Wednesday afternoon these men, who are currently reported to be closely connected with the American Tobacco Company, were arrested by Detectives Cuff and McNaught, of the District Attorney's office.

The complaint on which indictments had been found for these and one other man, not yet in custody, emanated from the office of Messrs. Einstein & Townsend, of No. 32 Liberty street, counsel to the National Cigarette Company.

The cases are peculiarly interesting as the first ever brought under the new Section 425 of the Penal Code. The maximum penalty for the offense with which Middledith and Kirby are charged is three years' imprisonment and a fine of \$5,000.

The accused men were immediately taken to Police Headquarters and then driven to the Hoffman House and taken before Judge Miles Beach, who fixed their bail at \$2,500 each and accepted ex-Mayor Hugh J. Grant as bondsman.

WILL BE ARRAIGNED MONDAY.

Yesterday morning they appeared at the District Attorney's office, and the bail was continued until Monday next, when they will be arraigned before Recorder Goff in Part I. of General Sessions.

Much reticence was exhibited at the District Attorney's office yesterday, but it is believed that in addition to the person whose name already appears on the papers other similar indictments will be found by the April Grand Jury.

Messrs. Middledith and Kirby refused to be interviewed yesterday; but they issued the following statement:

Mr. Middledith and Mr. Kirby are both entirely innocent of the charges preferred against them by the National Cigarette Company, as will be proven. The motive of the latter company they prefer not to discuss just now. Mr. Kirby is a reputable exporter and Mr. Middledith has been on the Street for thirty years. Neither was interested in any stock speculation.

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